



STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Management Act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, the Governor is responsible for coping with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency or threat thereof, and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and directives having the force and effect of law to implement the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 Public Act 390, MCL 30.403, the Governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of disaster if the Governor finds that a disaster has occurred or that the threat of a disaster exists; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2015, an EF1 tornado struck the City of Portland, Portland Township, and Orange Township, Michigan, causing significant destruction and debris; and

WHEREAS, the areas primarily affected are the City of Portland, Portland Township, and Orange Township, within the county of Ionia; and

WHEREAS, the tornado caused widespread and severe damage to homes, businesses, non-profit organizations, public facilities and infrastructure, causing an immediate threat to public health and safety and disrupting vital community services; and

WHEREAS, from June 22, 2015, to this date, the aforementioned municipalities have taken a number of actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to declaring a local state of emergency, activating the disaster response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plan, marshaling required resources, and issuing emergency public information; and

WHEREAS, local resources have been insufficient to address the situation and the assistance of voluntary organizations and the state is required to protect

public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of a more severe and long lasting impacts to the community; and

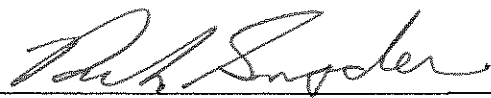
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Michigan and provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of disaster exists in the aforementioned county and municipalities; and

FURTHER, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and may call upon all state departments to utilize resources at their avail to assist in the disaster area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

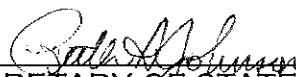
FURTHER, termination of this disaster will occur at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the disaster no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this disaster, but in no case longer than August 3, 2015, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Michigan this
6th day of July in the Year of Our Lord,
Two Thousand and Fifteen.




RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:


SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

ON 7-6-15 AT 10:53A.M.